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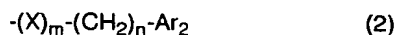
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(54) **Polymer fluorescent substance and organic electroluminescence device**

(57) A polymeric fluorescent substance having visible fluorescence in a solid state and a polystyrene-reduced number-average molecular weight of  $10^3$  to  $10^7$ , which contains at least one repeating unit represented by the following formula (1),



wherein the sum of the repeating unit is from 10 to 100 mol% of the total number of the repeating units, Ar<sub>1</sub> represents an arylene group having 4 to 20 carbon atoms taking part in conjugated bonds and containing at least one substituent represented by the following formula (2) as a nuclear substituent, or a heterocyclic compound group, having 4 to 20 carbon atoms taking part in conjugated bonds, and containing at least one substituent represented by the following formula (2) as a nuclear substituent; and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> independently represent a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, a heterocyclic compound group having 4 to 20 carbon atoms and a cyano group,



wherein Ar<sub>2</sub> represents a group selected from the group consisting of an aryl group and having 4 to 20 carbon atoms taking part in conjugated bonds, a heterocyclic

compound group, having 4 to 20 carbon atoms taking part in the conjugated bonds, and an aliphatic cyclic hydrocarbon compound group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms constituting the ring; X represents O or S; m represents 0 or 1; and n represents an integer of 2 to 10.

The polymeric fluorescent substance is excellent as a material for organic EL devices because of strong fluorescence and good thermal stability. Furthermore, the devicean organic EL device using the polymeric fluorescent substance can be preferably used as a flat light source for back light or a device such as a flat panel display and the like because it is easily produced and exhibits excellent light emitting characteristics and a heat resistance.

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